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PROTRACTION AND RETRACTION
AMOUNT-DETECTING DEVICE

Art Unit : 3611

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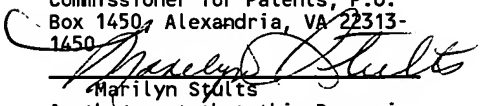
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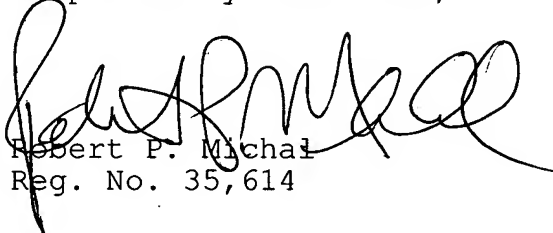
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